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1. The Chief of the Main Administration of Shipbuilding of the East German Ministry for Machine Construction, Helmut Gebauer, left for Warnemunde on instructions from Minister Heinrich Rau in early October 1954. His task there was to see to it that production at the shipyard fulfilled the plan for 1954, and he was supposed to remain at Warnemunde until the end of the year. Until the return of Heinrich Kuenzel, the Technical Chief in the Main Administration of Shipbuilding, who was to act for Gebauer, the production Chief, Hans Biedermann, was to be in charge.
2. Kuenzel was in Moscow with Deputy Minister Bruno Koch in early October 1954. Koch had also been in charge of Production Area Transportation and Agricultural Machines since 30 September 1954. The purpose of this trip was to obtain contracts.
3. Biedermann came back from a meeting of the Ministry's Collection on 5 October 1954 and stated that Minister Rau demanded that planned production for 1954 must be fulfilled at any price since, if the plan was not fulfilled, the penalties for non-delivery of the contracted items would exceed the additional cost of obtaining the needed materials for fulfilling planned production.

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